

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-23 and 39-43 are pending in the instant application. Claims 11-17 have been objected to by the Examiner. Claims 2 and 5-22 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 23 and 39-43 have been allowed. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability with respect to claims 23 and 39-43. Claims 2 and 5-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants submit that claims 23 and 39-43 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. This amendment is proper after Final as the amendments are provided solely for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. No new matter has been entered by this amendment.

Claim objections

Claims 11-17 have been objected to due to informalities. Claims 11-17 have been cancelled rendering the moot the objections.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 2 and 5-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly upatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0033288 to Shanahan et al. and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,816,882 B1 to Conner et al. Claims 2 and 5-22 have been cancelled by this amendment rendering the rejections thereof moot.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Final Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested. It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks should render the case in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, as the cited references neither anticipate nor render obvious that which the Applicants deem to be the invention, it is respectfully requested that claims 23 and 39-43 be passed to issue.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,

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